



**Parks, Recreation and
Human Services Commission**

Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 5:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1 Civic Center Circle
Brea, California 92821

Irene Rifilato, Chair

Eric Mason, Vice Chair

Bill Higgins, Commissioner

Gill Realon, Commissioner

Janet Son, Commissioner

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1. General Session

1A. Call to Order

1B. Pledge of Allegiance

1C. Invocation

1D. Matters from the Audience

1E. Student Advisory Board

2. Action

2A. Approval of Minutes

3. Discussion

3A. Brea Parks and Trails Updates

3B. Ad Hoc Committee and Park Ambassador Appointments

4. Reports

4A. Park Ambassadors

4B. Golf Course Ambassadors

4C. Art in Public Places Committee

4D. User Groups

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5. Informational

5A. Correspondence

5B. Information Memorandum/Staff Updates

5C. Commissioner Requests

6. Adjournment

Date Posted: March 20, 2025

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Minutes for the Parks, Recreation and Human Services Commission

1 Civic Center Circle, Brea, California 92821

February 26, 2025

Roll Call: *(The following members were in attendance)*

- **Irene Rifilato**, Chair
- **Eric Mason**, Vice Chair
- **Bill Higgins**, Parks, Recreation and Human Services Commissioner
- **Gill Realon**, Parks, Recreation and Human Services Commissioner
- **Janet Son**, Parks, Recreation and Human Services Commissioner

1. Call to Order

Chair Higgins called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Higgins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Invocation

Chair Higgins asked for a moment of silence for those in need.

4. Informational

4A. Student Advisory Board

Community Services Specialist Jazmine Serna introduced three students who provided updates on recent activities.

5. Matters from the Audience

Bill McMillan shared several updates:

- **Home Depot Partnership:** Home Depot is partnering with Friends of the Tracks at Brea to support ongoing projects.
- **No Limits Learning Collaboration:** A local school, No Limits Learning, has been bringing students to the tracks every Wednesday (weather permitting) to assist with manual labor tasks such as trash pickup and maintenance.

- Go Serve Brea Participation: His group plans to take part in Go Serve Brea and is currently developing a wish list for projects.
- Tree Maintenance Concerns: Bill has identified trees along the Tracks at Brea that need trimming and is unsure whether they are on city-owned or private property.
- OTS Grant Application: Bill has been working with Deputy Director Sean Matlock and the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to apply for a grant that would fund educational safety events.
- Western Extension Efforts: His group is eager to see the western extension of the tracks completed and is seeking guidance on how they can contribute to this effort.
- Donations via PayPal: Friends of the Tracks at Brea now accepts donations through PayPal.

Beth Riley addressed the commission, expressing her gratitude to Eric Aulls and Sean Matlock for their recent meeting. She announced that Little League Opening Day is scheduled for this coming Saturday and extended an invitation to the Commission to attend.

6. School District Representative

Chair Higgins noted the absence of representation from the school district and inquired about the outcome of the Brea 8K. Deputy Director Sean Matlock responded that he would provide an update at the next meeting.

7. Correspondence - Staff

7A. Correspondence

Deputy Director Sean Matlock reviewed the comment cards that were received.

8. Action

8A. Commission Reorganization

Commissioner Realon nominated Vice Chair Rifilato for the position of Chair, with Commissioner Mason seconding the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, a vote was taken.

Motion passed 5-0

Ayes: Higgins, Rifilato, Mason, Realon, Son

Nays: None.

Commissioner Higgins nominated Commissioner Mason to be Vice Chair, seconded by Chair Rifilato. Hearing no other nominations, a vote was taken.

Motion passed 5-0

Ayes: Higgins, Rifilato, Mason, Realon, Son

Nays: None.

8B. Approval of Minutes

Chair Higgins made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Son.

Motion passed 5-0

Ayes: Higgins, Rifilato, Mason, Realon, Son

Nays: None.

9. Discussion

9A. E-Bikes Ordinance Update

Police Chief Adam Hawley provided a presentation on the E-Bike Ordinance.

Commissioner Realon inquired about the biggest challenges the Police Department is facing regarding E-bikes and similar devices.

- The Police Chief stated that the most significant concerns are in private off-street parking facilities and city parking structures.
- Regarding transit routes, the chief mentioned collaboration with Public Works on a grant to improve transit routes to the junior high and enhance safety.
- The Police Chief also confirmed that E-bikes and similar devices are not permitted on city sidewalks.

9B. Camping / Property Storage Ordinance Update

Police Chief Adam Hawley provided a presentation of the Camping/Property Storage Ordinance.

Commissioner Realon inquired about the Police Department's involvement with local churches, mentioning his work with Saint Angela Merici Catholic Church. The commission also raised questions regarding homelessness, the Hope Center, and the North Orange County Public Safety Collaborative.

9C. PRESENTATION - Summary of Brea's Holistic Approach to Homelessness

Executive Director Soo Kang delivered a presentation on Brea's comprehensive strategy for addressing homelessness.

Community Services Supervisor Damian Fonseca provided an update on his outreach initiatives, highlighting efforts to assist individuals in transitioning off the streets.

Brea Resource Center Supervisor Jaime Espitia outlined the center's prevention strategies aimed at supporting those at risk of homelessness.

Commissioner Realon inquired whether St. Angela Merici Catholic Church is part of the Brea Ministerial Association. Chief Hawley clarified that they are not but expressed a desire for a more unified approach.

Commissioner Son commended the team for their dedication to supporting both the unhoused community and those at risk.

9D. Brea Parks and Trails Updates

Deputy Director Sean Matlock provided an update on Country Hills, noting that staff had received an email from a resident expressing concerns about park needs. He stated that priorities will be evaluated based on a 2017 assessment and mentioned that the park operates under a joint-use agreement with the Brea Olinda Unified School District. Commissioner Realon requested to review the email from the community member.

Deputy Director Matlock also provided an update on Tamarack Park, stating that fixed asset replacement projects have been placed on hold and will be reassessed following budget workshops later this spring. He confirmed that there will be no impact on Brea Girls Softball at this time.

Community Services Manager Jenn Colacion shared photos and an update on Arovista Park's progress. Commissioner Realon asked whether the park's opening remains on schedule for the fall, and Jenn confirmed that it is still on track.

9E. Ad Hoc Committee and Park Ambassador Appointments

After a brief discussion, it was decided to continue this item to the next meeting on March 26, 2025.

10. Information Memorandum

10A. Information Memorandum

Public Works Supervisor Edgar Esparza provided updates on various park and facility improvements:

- At Brea Creek Golf Course, poles have been installed to prevent errant balls from reaching the skate park and Arovista Park.
- The restroom at Birch Hills Golf Course (Hole 9) has been freshly painted and received minor renovations.
- A drinking fountain from Arovista Park has been repurposed for use at the Olinda Oil Museum.
- Deputy Director Sean Matlock reported that benches have been installed at every hole at Brea Creek Golf Course.
- Soil from the netting project has been repurposed at City Hall Park to cover exposed roots and has since been reseeded to promote grass growth.

Public Works Supervisor Edgar Esparza also shared photos of turf deficiencies previously brought up during public comments at the last meeting. He confirmed that the affected areas have been overseeded and are now growing in. Additionally, two other concerns raised at the last meeting—brush along the Tracks at Brea and the Caltrans project—have been addressed.

Deputy Director Sean Matlock provided an update on funding efforts for the western extension of the Tracks at Brea. He and Director Carrie Hernandez recently met with Orange County Supervisor Doug Chaffee regarding potential funding. They will present an update to the City Council during a closed session meeting next week.

Community Services Supervisor for Special Events, Kristin Steyerman, provided an update to the Commission on recent Sister City visits and upcoming events, including the Spring Boutique, Pet Expo, and Go Serve Brea.

11. Reports

11A. Park Ambassadors

Chair Rifilato noted that her Arovista Park report was unnecessary, as the earlier staff report had already reported on it and it included pictures.

Commissioner Bill Higgins observed that the Sports park appeared to have been heavily used recently.

11B. Golf Course Ambassadors

Vice Chair Mason inquired whether the ninth hole at Brea Creek Golf Course was scheduled for repairs.

11C. Art in Public Places Committee - Rifilato

Chair Rifilato mentioned there is an upcoming meeting April.

11D. User Groups - Higgins

No updates.

11E. Public Works - Esparza

Public Works Supervisor Edgar Esparza reported that staff is preparing the fields for Little League Opening Day this coming weekend.

11F. F. General Plan Steering Committee - Rifilato

No updates.

12. Adjournment

Community Services Director Carrie Hernandez informed the commission that staff is currently preparing for a two-year budget cycle, with early indicators pointing to a potential shortfall.

Chair Rifilato adjourned the meeting at 7:49 pm.



Parks, Recreation and Human Services Commission Communication

B. Ad Hoc Committee and Park Ambassador Appointments

Meeting	Agenda Group
Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 5:30 PM	Discussion Item: 3B.
FROM	
Carrie Hernandez, Director of Community Services	

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Commission members annually serve on current and active ad hoc committees to investigate and review issues and projects that are of special interest to the Commission. It is customary to review the list of Commission ad hoc committees to determine their viability and for the Chair to maintain or modify the existing appointments to these ad hoc committees. In addition to the Commission ad hoc committees, Commissioners occasionally represent the Commission on other committees such as the Country Fair Steering Committee and the Art in Public Places Advisory Committee.

Please review the attached list as Commissioners will be asked which ad hoc committee they would like to serve. Commissioners will also be asked their interest in serving as a representative to the Country Fair Steering Committee and the Art in Public Places Advisory Committee.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Carrie Hernandez, Community Services Director

Prepared by: Carrie Hosozawa, Executive Assistant

Concurrence: Sean L. Matlock, Deputy Director of Community Services and Jenn Colacion, Community Services Manager

Attachments

[Committee Appointments - March 2025.pdf](#)

AD HOC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2025

Ad Hoc Committee Appointments

- | <u>Ad Hoc Committee</u> | <u>Assignment</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| • Brea 265 Development | • Gill Realon & Eric Mason |
| • Birch Hills/Brea Creek Golf Course Projects | • Bill Higgins & Eric Mason |
| • Arovista Park Modernization Project | • Irene Rifilato & (vacant) |

Commission Representatives

- | <u>Committee</u> | <u>Assignment</u> |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| • Art in Public Place Advisory Committee | • Irene Rifilato |
| • Country Fair Steering Committee | • Gill Realon |
| • User Groups/Field Allocation | • Bill Higgins |

Park Ambassadors

- | <u>Park</u> | <u>Ambassador</u> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Arovista Park, City Hall Park/Plunge, Senior Center/Pioneer Hall, Skate Park | • Irene Rifilato |
| • Community Center, Olinda Oil Museum & Trail, Olinda Ranch Park, Tamarack Park | • Gill Realon |
| • Country Hills Park, Lagos de Moreno Park, Junior High Park, Wildcatters Park | • (vacant) |
| • Founders Park, Greenbriar Park, Woodcrest Park, Tracks at Brea Segments 1 to 3 | • Eric Mason |
| • Sports Park, Wildcatters Dog Park, Tracks at Brea Segments 4 to 6 | • Bill Higgins |
| • Birch Hills Golf Course, Brea Creek Golf Course | • Bill Higgins & Eric Mason |



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A. Park Ambassadors

Meeting	Agenda Group
Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 5:30 PM	Reports Item: 4A.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

March 5 - Sports Park - **Higgins**

April 2 - Olinda Ranch/Olinda Oil Museum - **Realon**

May - Tracks Segments 4-5 - **Higgins**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Carrie Hernandez, Director of Community Services



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A. Correspondence

Meeting	Agenda Group
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Carrie Hernandez, Community Services Director

Concurrence: Sean L. Matlock, Deputy Director of Community Services

Attachments

[PRHS Correspondence.pdf](#)

Matlock, Sean

Subject:

FW: URGENT ATTN for Country Hills Community

Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 12:34 AM

To: Griffith, Kristin; Hernandez, Carrie; Ho, Michael; Killebrew, Jason; Hupp, Cecilia; Marick, Christine; Stewart, Blair; Vargas, Steven; Simonoff, Marty; pruiz@bousd.us; Deana Miller; Joseph Covey; cbecerra@bousd.us; Carrie Flanders; bleon@bousd.us; aarora@bousd.us; billh@ci.brea.us; janet@breaedfoundation.org; Gilr@ci.brea.us; bjaapresident@gmail.com

Subject: Re: URGENT ATTN for Country Hills Community

Ms. Griffith,

Thank you for your response and intel on the process in regards to the budget allocation completed in 2018. The news is indeed disappointing but Country Hills parents and community are simply not going to accept that the city does not have the ability to set new budgets for new projects. Especially when it comes to the essential needs of our children's health and well being. The budget you mention was created 7 years ago, it is time to reevaluate and identify new needs to create a new budget. It is the city's responsibility to continually identify new needs and thus create budgets for new needs that arise (or in our case unaddressed needs that have been ongoing for decades). Just to give some context, in the past 10 years records show 234 homes have been sold in the Country Hills neighborhood-that is a turnover of 27% of the community not including 3 pending sales just this month. These 27% of new homeowners, (not including the Gingerwood community and Countrywood apts) are young families with young children-young children who attend Country Hills Elementary School. This is not just a neighborhood park, this is a park under the city's jurisdiction in which a school is wholly dependent on its resources. A school with 575 students-the SECOND most populated elementary school in our entire city.

By stating that there are no funds for a playground renovation-we feel what the city is really saying is the city is well aware of the disparity our students experience every day but yet continue to not address it. Every day our students struggle to have an enriching play experience. Every day our students experience disparity. We do not believe this is a funding issue, we believe this is a priority issue. Seven years ago, the city of Brea turned a blind eye to the needs of the students of Country Hills and continue to do so now. It is absolutely negligent and irresponsible on the city's part to allow this to continue. The city is liable for the lack of equipment per state mandated instructional minutes for physical education. As well as the dangers the unstable and poor condition the equipment pose to our students and community. It is not the fault of the community of Country Hills to be victim to this impossible set of circumstance where one part of the school belongs to the school district and the other to the city. Country Hills Elementary was initially built as an afterthought to serve as the city's overflow school. It is clear our campus already lacks in facility and resources. Our campus is a collection of mobile bungalows established to serve as a temporary school and yet here we still thrive with stable enrollment 45 years later

thanks to our devoted teachers and staff. But the biggest and clearest deficiency of all is our playground equipment-the part the city owns.

The research is clear, studies from the National Institute of Health (NIH) states, "Evidence suggests that increasing physical activity and physical fitness may improve academic performance and that time in the school day dedicated to recess, physical education class, and physical activity in the classroom may also facilitate academic performance." The Committee on Physical Activity and Physical Education in the School Environment; Food and Nutrition Board, also states, "Executive function and brain health underlie academic performance. Basic cognitive functions related to attention and memory facilitate learning, and these functions are enhanced by physical activity and higher aerobic fitness." The city's lack of action continues to harm our students' well being not only outside the classroom but according to studies, plays an integral role in their academic performance as well. The city's non action continues to contribute to the detrimental long term effects of the hundreds of students at Country Hills Elementary. This is much bigger than requesting a new shiny slide, this is to address a basic need for our children-a basic need that has been long denied by their city. It is time for the city of Brea to take ownership and stop the unequal treatment of our students. The children of Country Hills have been so disadvantaged for so long, it is time to make things right. As the newly pointed City Manager, as you begin to make important decisions for our city, we hope that you will familiarize yourself with the history of our school and community and the disadvantages we continue to face. We hope you can agree that ALL Brea children should have equal access to vital developmental resources and when one does not, it should be rectified by those who can.

Reference:

*https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK201501/#sec_o88

Sincerely,

Country Hills PTO
Country Hills Parents and Residents

On Mon, Feb 24, 2025 at 12:06 PM Griffith, Kristin wrote:

Hello Mr. and Mrs. Yoon,

Thank you for your email, and I'm sorry to hear about your frustration. I wanted to provide some context regarding the joint use agreements between the School District and the City for four of Brea's parks and schools. These agreements outline responsibilities for each agency to oversee different areas of the parks. Specifically, for Country Hills Park, the agreement designates the City as solely responsible for overseeing the playground equipment.

By way of background, in 2018, the City contracted an evaluation of Brea's eight older parks, assessing fields, bathrooms, playground equipment, and other facilities. This

evaluation identified four parks on the western side of town—Arovista Park, Tamarack Park, City Hall Park, and Brea Junior High Park—as being most in need of improvements.

City staff has worked closely with the Parks, Recreation, and Human Services Commission, as well as the City Council, to prioritize these projects and secure funding to address the issues. Arovista Park was identified as requiring the most extensive rehabilitation, and work on the east side of Arovista is currently underway.

While we recognize that Country Hills Park has elements that are outdated, there is currently no funding available for replacing the playground equipment.

I understand that this news may be disappointing, but we remain committed to evaluating the needs of each park and balancing available funding to make improvements across our community.

Your feedback is valuable, and we appreciate your engagement in this process.

BCC: City Council/BOUSD

Kristin Griffith

City Manager/Director of Administrative Services

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Janice Kim

Date: February 19, 2025 at 11:15:29 PM PST

To: Hupp, Cecilia, Marick, Christine, Stewart, Blair, Vargas, Steven, Simonoff, Marty, Killebrew, Jason, pruiz@bousd.us, dmiller@bousd.us, joseph.covey@bousd.us, cbecerra@bousd.us, cflanders@bousd.us, BLEON@bousd.us, aarora@bousd.us

Cc:

Subject: URGENT ATTN for Country Hills Community

Greetings City of Brea Council Members and BOUSD School Board Members and Leaders,

I am a longtime homeowner in the Country Hills neighborhood, mother of two daughters who attend BOUSD schools, and PTO board member of Country Hills Elementary School. Through this email, I represent the voices of many Brea parents and residents. I would like to bring to attention a dire need in our Country Hills neighborhood and Country Hills Elementary School that has been on the forefront of hundreds of families and discussions within our community. The two Country Hills Park's playgrounds have not been renovated in over a quarter of a century. In fact, some of our families played on the same exact playground equipment when THEY were elementary school students and now have their children playing on the same equipment decades later!

As you know, the playgrounds inside Country Hills Park service not only 575 students of Country Hills Elementary School daily, but also hundreds of neighborhood children, and children from nearby cities who come to use the park's facilities. Not to mention the usage by Brea families through the city sports programs such as tee ball, soccer, and baseball that are scheduled all year round. Country Hills Park is one of the most used parks by the city, school and neighborhood. But most importantly it is the centerpiece of 575 Country Hills Elementary students' daily physical activity and exercise.

The playground equipment is outdated, too small, unstable, unstimulating, dangerous, and does not meet current city code requirements. The playground is dangerously too small for the number of students who use the equipment daily. Everyday the playground is so overcrowded with students, the students cannot freely exercise or practice safe physical distances from each other. We urge you to visit the campus and witness for yourself, the clear disparity between Country Hills playground equipment with other campuses. The equipment constantly breaks because it is not suitable for the students' ages and weights. The slides are fit for toddler aged children, there are four small swings for 575 students, and the only equipment the students actually use-the monkey bars, constantly break. In fact, last year alone we had multiple bone breaking injuries on the monkey bars because of the risks mentioned. The equipment is so small and unstimulating for our students, most of the time students reluctantly just sit around or dig holes in the sand. The city of Brea needs to do better in investing in our children,

especially the children of Country Hills. Our neighborhood, school families, and students have waited patiently for years for the city to renovate the playgrounds to meet the needs of our children. Our children deserve better from their city.

While I understand that Country Hills Elementary School has a unique layout and partnership between school and city, the city and school district should partner together and not deflect responsibility on the other. Many families are drawn to the unique nature of a neighborhood park partnered with a school but it seems this partnership is failing because of the city's lack of awareness of the needs of its residents and the school district's lack of advocacy. Every school in the Brea School District has renovated playgrounds including but not limited to major improvements at Brea Olinda Elementary School (with two renovations), Laurel Elementary (Lagos de Moreno Park), and the vast project going on nearby Arovista Elementary School at Arrovista Park. It is no surprise that the students at Country Hills Elementary consistently come in last at the annual Brea's Best Track Meet, a yearly physical competition between all the elementary schools in Brea. Our students' physical activity is lacking because of the lack of physical equipment and stimulation at their school site. This is a big need and recurring topic of discussion in our PTO meetings.

We want our needs to be heard and officially request a petition for the playground equipment in Country Hills Park to be renovated. We want our children to have access to state of the art and age appropriate equipment for the well being and health of our students and children. Our children deserve a safe and stimulating play area equal to other children at other schools. In this email, I have included 30 parents ready and willing to lead a community petition. I have also attached photos of the sad playground equipment that 575 students call their own. We eagerly wait for your response to our earnest and long suffering plea.

Sincerely,

Brea Resident
Country Hills PTO Board Member



Parks, Recreation and Human Services Commission Communication

B. Information Memorandum/Staff Updates

Meeting	Agenda Group
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Carrie Hernandez, Community Services Director

Concurrence: Sean L. Matlock, Deputy Director of Community Services

Attachments

[Info Memo Feb 2025.pdf](#)

I. GENERAL

Park Development Fund (Fund 250) Update

The Park Development Fund has a balance of \$350,354. There are currently no projects yielding park development funds anticipated.

Park Development - Fund 250				
<i>Item</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Balance</i>
	Fund Balance	6/30/2024		\$ 350,354

Brea Golf Courses

The following information is collected from Western Golf, operator of both courses.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Birch Hills Golf Course</i>		<i>Brea Creek Golf Course</i>	
	<i>January</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>February</i>
Total Rounds	5,639	4,903	4,795	4,297
Total Bucket of Balls: Small	506	338	473	448
Total Bucket of Balls: Medium	1,038	558	503	527
Total Bucket of Balls: Large	939	536	573	643
Total Cart Rentals	3,951	3,155	2,128	1,740
Pay Your Age Rounds	102	140	146	186
Senior Rounds	492	1,035	2,218	2,062
Junior Rounds	216	246	368	355
Brea Rewards Renewals	105	109	28	22
Brea Rewards Members	54	41	25	21

Olinda Oil Museum and Trail

During open hours for the museum, visitors totaled 94, which was a steady month with weekend visitors from Orange County and the Inland Empire. There were two special groups tours during February—A home school group of 30 from the neighboring city of Placentia and a group of 30 Scouts and parents from Fullerton.

The trail's popularity remains constant with it being a favorite for walkers and hikers in and around Brea. The weather remains a key factor in volume using the trail. The issue of Mountain and EV bike use of the trail causing progressive damage to both trail and off-trail areas is being evaluated by the City.

With the rainy season upon us, the water drainage run off issue is increasing with more potential damage to the historic buildings. Several critical areas have been identified. Museum staff have been addressing this

problem by constructing temporary berms to divert rain run off until the city can develop a permanent fix in the future which is currently budgeted through the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) in 2026.

The site's historic landmark *Olinda Well # 1*, which was drilled in 1897, was shut down due to an oil company, Bridgeland Energy having a dispute with the CA Environmental Agency. The docents and City staff have explored various explored our various contacts without resolution.

We continue to review the docent recruitment process, and we are always looking for those interested in volunteering at the site. Thank you for all of our docents/volunteers who spend hours sharing their knowledge with our visitors!



Special Events

Pet Expo

We are so excited for the 6th annual Pet Expo on April 5th. The Pet Expo will feature over 100 vendors, highlighting pet products, learning opportunities and pet adoptions as well as demonstrations from Brea Police Department and Anaheim Police Department k-9 units. The community will be able to see a variety of K-9 techniques, including a drug sniffing drill, dog obedience and simulation bite. It will be a fun day for the community.



Go. Serve. Brea.

Go. Serve. Brea. planning is well under way! In February, the Special Events division began a marketing campaign to inform the community about this exciting community-wide service day on Saturday, April 26 and invited our local faith community, businesses, non-profits and individuals to partner with us. There are so many great ways to get involved in this event including sponsorships, project submissions and volunteer opportunities. Volunteer sign-ups start March 17! All info can be found on our website cityofbrea.gov/goservebrea and on our social media accounts, @breaspecialevents.



II. COMMUNITY CENTER/RECREATION SERVICES

Operations/Facility Reservations/Contract Classes

February marked the start of our Spring season, bringing a wave of exciting activities for both youth and adults in our community. Young participants enjoyed popular programs like Junior Olympians gymnastics, tennis lessons, and acrylic painting classes, while adults engaged in watercolor painting, social ballroom dancing, and ukulele lessons—a fantastic mix of creativity and movement.

Our Facility Reservations Program remained in high demand, hosting a variety of special events. In February, we accommodated one baby shower, two birthday parties, one Sweet 16, two quinceañeras, two anniversary celebrations, one mendhi, one haldi, and three celebration of life memorials.

We were also proud to welcome business and non-profit clients such as Excel Academy, Corban Financial, Brea Chamber, Nordstrom, California Knifemakers, and Ketchum University, all of whom utilized our space for important meetings. Additionally, Saddleback Church, Renew Church, and Calvary Life Fellowship continued their weekly gatherings at the Brea Community Center, Civic & Cultural Center, and Brea Senior Center, respectively.

As we move into March, we look forward to even more exciting opportunities for our community to connect, learn, and celebrate together!

Spring Mighty Tykes Soccer Kicks Off Under the Lights!

Brea's Spring Mighty Tykes Soccer season is officially underway—this time at a brand-new location! We've moved from Olinda Ranch Park to Wildcatters Park, giving our young athletes the exciting opportunity to play under the lights. Designed for beginners, this program introduces kids to the fundamentals of soccer, teamwork, and sportsmanship in a fun and supportive environment. For many, it's their first taste of friendly competition! Taking place on Tuesday evenings through April 8, each session includes skill-building drills and a game against another team. Players also get to pick their team name, wear their team shirt, and enjoy the thrill of the game each week.

We're looking forward to an exciting season of growth, energy, and fun on the field!

Brea Fitness Center

Brea Fitness continues to see a rise in memberships, bringing together adults, seniors, and teens for an inclusive and dynamic workout experience. Whether it's basketball, volleyball, weight training, or group exercise classes, members of all ages and fitness levels come together to stay active and have fun.

Our dedicated Fit-Team remains committed to providing a safe, clean, and motivating environment, helping participants achieve their health and wellness goals while embracing our mission to Make Fit Happen!

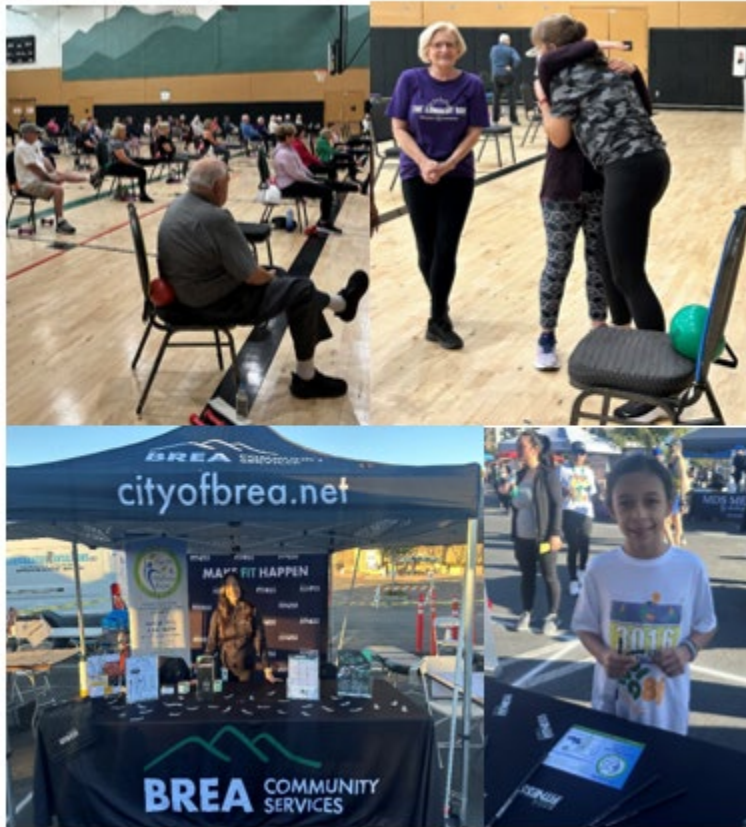
Brea Fitness Center (to date)	January 2025	February 2025
Memberships	1277	1168
Insurance-Based Memberships	1292	1312
Total	2569	2480
Monthly Drop-Ins	784	696

Total Class Attendance:

Program	January 2025	Classes Per Week	February 2025
BodyPump	434	7	421
Barre	196	4	229
Cycle	223	5	376
Circuit Training	49	1	56
SilverSneakers	908	3	848
Super Sculpt	94	1	96
Functional Strength	65	1	78
TRX Strength & Conditioning	64	5	19
TRX Strong: All Levels	75	3	57
Yoga	328	8	291
Zumba	1553	10	1466
Low Impact	181	3	190
Kickboxing	29	1	22
Kinstretch	22	2	17
Mat Pilates	214	2	182
Roll & Release (NEW)	0	1	38
Total	4267	59	4392

Personal Training & Massage Therapy Attendance:

Program	January 2025	February 2025
Personal Training	74	81
Massage Therapy	40	32



Youth Programs

The After-School Program and Teen Zone programs have been busy the past month. The kids enjoyed a trip to our Brea Gallery and story and craft time at the Brea Library. They also loved getting cotton candy as a Valentine's treat from staff. These excursions were on top of their regular gym, art, games, playground fun, and game room activities. The program is full for kindergarten through 6th grade but has some spots open in the Teen Zone. The programs have seen an average of 115 students daily over the past month.

The Tiny Tots part-time preschool-aged program is almost done with its winter session. The preschoolers celebrated Valentine's Day with pizza parties and valentine's exchanges. They also had pajama day to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. Now, they are gearing up for St. Patrick's Day fun and visits from the leprechauns. The Winter session runs through March 21st. The Spring session starts on March 31st with some openings still in the Junior Class (2.5-3-year olds) on M/W/F, and a few spots in the Senior class (4-5-year olds) on T/TH.



Important Upcoming Dates:

March 21-Last Sixth Grade Preview Dance

March 31-Spring Tiny Tots session begins

April 9-Summer Day Camp registration starts at 8 am online for residents

April 14-18-Spring Break Day Camp

III. HUMAN SERVICES

Brea Resource Center

The Brea Resource Center's Counseling Program continues to provide affordable individual and family counseling to the community. The Counseling Program provides both in-person and telehealth sessions for their clients. Our trainees consist of college students in their respective graduate programs attempting to complete their practicum hours to fulfill their graduation requirements.

Counseling Sessions	December	January
Number of Sessions	59	54
New Client Intakes	0	10
Total	59	64

Veteran Service Officers Ron Garcia and Gary Colletti continue to provide veteran services to our local veterans at the Brea Resource Center and Senior Center. Ron, who conducts one-on-one veteran services counseling at the Brea Resource Center, will often counsel his clients over the phone to ensure they are provided the resources and information that they need. Through their services, both Ron and Gary provide benefit claims counseling and referral assistance to our local heroes. For the month of February, our Veteran Service Officers assisted 11 Veterans.

Community Health Initiative of Orange County (CHIOC) continued to provide free county services that include, Cal-Fresh, Medi-Cal, CalWORKs and General Relief. For the month of January, the representative assisted four clients.

For the month of January, HOPE Center received 34 calls regarding homeless concerns in Brea. The HOPE Center conducted 12 proactive engagement, this is where the dispatch team is providing services and building rapport with homeless clients.

Brea Senior Center

Senior Center Numbers (At-a-Glance)	January	February
Total Transportation Trips Provided	595	570
New Registered Visitors	26	13
Total Meals Served	1,767	1599
Total Program Attendance	4,633	4,468
Senior Grocery Program	324	379

February Highlights:

Valentine's Day Party

The Senior Center hosted their annual Valentine's Day Party on Friday, February 14 to a sold-out crowd with a delicious menu of Chicken Cordon Bleu, Scalloped Potatoes, Roasted Brussel Sprouts, Fresh Strawberries, Cheesecake. Gift baskets donated by a Senior Center participant, chocolate boxes, cash prizes, and gift cards, were all raffled off during the party while the seniors danced away to live entertainment by "5 Star Band." The neighboring Boys & Girls Club even created handmade bookmarks to give out to all the seniors as a special Valentine's Day treat!





AARP Senior Tax Preparation

Tax season has begun at the Senior Center with the help of AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide volunteers who provide tax assistance to individuals 50 and over with a low to moderate income. Running every Tuesday afternoon from February to early April, this nationwide program is set to help over **240** taxpayers through the Brea Senior Center alone. We are grateful for this longstanding partnership that provides help to seniors on a fixed income, ensuring they receive the support they need. Registration opens each year on December 1st for Brea residents and January 1st for non-Brea residents, with appointments typically filling up by January.

Case Management:

Home Delivered Meals	January	February
Number of Meal Clients	31	33
Total Deliveries	688	570
Total Meals Delivered	1,794	1,710
Number of Volunteers	30	28
Case Management Activity	January	February
Number of Active Clients	58	58
New Cases	2	3
Closed Cases	7	3

Upcoming Events

April 5	All Day	Pet Expo	Community Center
April 5	TBA	Amplify Series - Did You Do Your Homework?	Curtis Theatre
April 18	11:30 – 1 pm	Easter / Volunteer Lunch	Brea Senior Center
April 26	8 am – 2 pm	GO SERVE BREA	Civic Center/Citywide
April 26	TBA	Opening Reception 40th Made in California	Gallery
April 26-27		Orchestra Collective	Curtis Theatre

DATE: March 10, 2025

TO: Parks, Recreation, and Human Services Commission

FROM: Edgar Esparza, Parks Supervisor

SUBJECT: Park Update, February 2025

Sports Park

Pressure wash concession stand, prepare park for Little League opening day. clean monument signs and perform routine maintenance throughout park.

Arovista Park

Maintain fields for games and practices, clean monument sign and perform routine maintenance throughout park.

Tamarack Park

Maintain fields for games and practices, clean monument sign and perform routine maintenance throughout park.

Jr. High Park

Pressure wash concession stand, treat field for gopher infestation, clean monument sign and perform routine maintenance throughout park.

Country Hills Park

Repair ball field light breaker, clean monument sign and perform routine maintenance throughout park.

City Hall Park

Maintain planters surrounding plunge, paint exterior restroom walls, clean monument signs and perform routine maintenance throughout park.

Greenbriar Park

Repair toilet in women's restroom, clean monument sign and perform routine maintenance throughout park.

Woodcrest Park

Clean monument sign, trim shrubs and perform routine maintenance throughout park.

Olinda Ranch Park

Pressure wash basketball courts, clean monument sign and perform routine maintenance throughout park.

Olinda Ranch Oil Museum and Trail

Clean restrooms, perform routine maintenance throughout park and trail.

Founders Park

Pick up leaves and tree debris throughout park and perform routine maintenance throughout park.

Wildcatters Park

Treated for Ant infestation, repaired irrigation plumbing, clean monument signs and perform routine maintenance throughout park.

Lagos De Moreno Park

Clean monument sign and perform routine maintenance throughout park.

Dog Parks

Power broom artificial turf, repair Decomposed Granite, pressure wash hardscape, clean drinking fountain, clean monument sign and performed routine maintenance throughout parks.

Tracks

Level ruts in DG trail, cleaned drinking fountain and perform routine maintenance throughout Tracks.

****Routine maintenance may include one or more of these tasks at each site: trash removal, restroom cleaning, mowing, edging, weeding, trimming, irrigation repairs, playground checks and repairs, ball field dragging, and court cleaning.**